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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

CONVENING A WORKING GROUP TO DEVELOP MORE COLLABORATIVE
INFORMATION AND DECISION-MAKING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AS IT RELATES TO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICTS.

1 WHEREAS, as expressed in chapter 206E, Hawaii Revised
2 Statutes, the Legislature created the Hawaii Community
3 Development Authority and its community development districts to
4 develop "communities which serve the highest needs and
5 aspirations of Hawaii's people"; and
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7 WHEREAS, the community residents are important stakeholders
8 who have an interest in development in their community
9 development districts; and
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11 WHEREAS, the Legislature received complaints that the
12 Hawaii Community Development Authority has repeatedly
13 disregarded and failed to act on community concerns expressed at
14 the Hawaii Community Development Authority community meetings,
15 public hearings, and board meetings; and
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17 WHEREAS, community residents and other stakeholders are
18 concerned that the Hawaii Community Development Authority has
19 not followed its own long-range plans for the mauka and makai
20 areas in Kaka'ako, but instead has facilitated variances and
21 modifications preferred by private developers; and
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23 WHEREAS, Act 61, Session Laws of Hawaii 2014, was enacted
24 to address community concerns, but the Hawaii Community
25 Development Authority, instead of providing venues for
26 developers to meet with community stakeholders informally, has
27 implemented contested case procedures that further discourage
28 expression of legitimate community concerns; and
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30 WHEREAS, in the Regular Session of 2015, the Legislature
31 introduced S.B. No. 906 to create a less formal and less



1 adversarial dialogue that, by encouraging the Hawaii Community
2 Development Authority, developers, and the community to work
3 together, implements the community engagement policy set forth
4 in section 206E-5.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes; and

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6 WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the State and
7 community development districts to implement clear, fair, open,
8 and collaborative procedures that achieve the goals of chapter
9 206E, Hawaii Revised Statutes; now, therefore,

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11 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth
12 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2015, the
13 House of Representatives concurring, that a working group be
14 convened to develop more collaborative information and decision-
15 making policies and procedures for community engagement as it
16 relates to community development districts; and

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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairperson of the Senate
19 Committee on Human Services and Housing and the Chairperson of
20 the Senate Committee on Water and Land are requested to serve as
21 Co-Chairpersons of the working group; and

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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
24 to include:

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26 (1) Community stakeholders, including but not limited to
27 landowners, developers, small business owners, and
28 residents, as selected by the Co-Chairpersons;
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30 (2) Hawaii Community Development Authority members; and
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32 (3) Others as deemed appropriate by the Co-Chairpersons;
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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
36 to submit a report to the Legislature of its findings and
37 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, no later
38 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session
39 of 2016; and
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41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group be dissolved
42 on June 30, 2016; and



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2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
3 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
4 Hawaii Community Development Authority.
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